

CASCADE CAVE

(TICKET SALES STOP 15 MINUTES PRIOR TO EACH TOUR TIME.)

ALL CASCADE CAVE TOURS STARTS PROMPTLY FROM
CASCADE CAVE AREA PARKING LOT.

ALL CASCADE CAVE TOURS REQUIRE A SHORT DRIVE.
TRANSPORTATION IS NOT PROVIDED.

Cascade Cave is one of the largest of over 200 caves in Carter County and is noted for its large chambers and numerous cave formations. Set your sights on the reflecting pool in the Lake Room, and the geologic diversity of the Cathedral Room. Finally entice yourself with our majestic 30-feet high underground waterfall.

MONDAY- FRIDAY: 10:30AM, 1PM, 4PM

SATURDAY: 9:30AM, 11AM, 12PM, 1:30PM, 3PM
4:30PM

SUNDAY: 10AM, 11:30AM, 1PM, 2:30PM, 4PM

WALKING DISTANCE: 3/4 mile w/225 stair steps

DURATION: About 75 minutes

TEMPERATURE: 50-60 degrees (variable)

ADMISSION: \$9.00—age 13 & up
\$5.00—age 3 - 12
FREE—age 2 & under

CASCADE CAVE FLASHLIGHT TOURS

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The electric lights will be shut off and with your flashlight you can see what is hidden in the cracks and crevices along the cave's path. **You will visit one undeveloped passage that is not offered on the commercial tour of the cave. Be prepared for some physical challenges as this passage requires bending, stooping and some climbing. Closed-toed shoes are required. You must be 5yrs or older to participate in the tour. Flashlights provided.**

TUESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY: 6:00PM

X-CAVE

(WE RECOMMEND PURCHASING TICKETS AT LEAST 15 MINUTES
PRIOR TO TOUR TIMES.)

X-CAVE STARTS PROMPTLY IN FRONT OF THE
WELCOME CENTER AND IS WITHIN WALKING
DISTANCE OF THE WELCOME CENTER.

X-cave has two vertical joint passages that meander through a large layer of limestone, putting you up-close to beautiful cave formations. Features include turkey rock, the pipe organ, and the giant column which is the largest cave formation found at the park. Be aware of your surroundings and you will discover how this cave became known as "X-Cave."

MONDAY- FRIDAY: 11:30AM, 1:30PM, 3PM, 5PM

SATURDAY: 10:30AM, 11:30AM, 1PM, 2PM, 3PM,
4PM, 5PM

SUNDAY: 10:30AM, 11:30AM, 1PM, 2PM, 3PM
4PM

WALKING DISTANCE: About 1/4 mile

DURATION: About 45 minutes

TEMPERATURE: 45-60 degrees (variable)

DIFFICULTY: Includes 75 stair steps through narrow passages;
some stooping, electrically lit.

ADMISSION: \$7.00—age 13 & up
\$4.00—age 3 - 12
FREE—age 2 & under

X-CAVE FLASHLIGHT TOURS

(WE RECOMMEND PURCHASING TICKETS AT LEAST 15 MINUTES
PRIOR TO TOUR TIMES.)

See the cave the way most caves have to be seen, by flashlight. We will shut the electric lights off as you discover the way through the cave using only a flashlight. Flashlights provided.

MONDAY - FRIDAY: 10AM

SATURDAY: 9:30AM

SUNDAY: 5PM

SALTPETER CAVE

(WE RECOMMEND PURCHASING TICKETS AT LEAST 15 MINUTES
PRIOR TO TOUR TIMES.)

SALTPETER CAVE STARTS PROMPTLY IN FRONT OF
THE WELCOME CENTER AND IS WITHIN WALKING
DISTANCE OF THE WELCOME CENTER.

Saltpeter Cave is considered by many historians to be the site of the earliest industry in the area. The cave was used during the War of 1812 as a source of the major ingredient in making gunpowder and is currently listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Discover a fascinating segment of Kentucky's history as you take a step back in time over 200 years ago.

MON, WED, FRIDAY: 11AM, 1PM, 3:30PM

TUESDAY & THURSDAY: 11AM, 3:30PM

SATURDAY: 10:30AM, 12:30PM, 4:30PM

SUNDAY: 11AM, 1:30PM, 3:30PM

WALKING DISTANCE: 1/2 mile

DURATION: 60 minutes

TEMPERATURE: 47-49 degrees (jacket recommended)

DIFFICULTY: 30 stairs leading into the cave, flat walking, some stooping. The cave is dry and dusty, electrically lit.

ADMISSION: \$7.00—age 13 & up
\$4.00—age 3-12
FREE—age 2 & under

SALTPETER CAVE LANTERN TOURS

(WE RECOMMEND PURCHASING TICKETS AT LEAST 15 MINUTES
PRIOR TO TOUR TIMES.)

This tour transports guest back in time as you see the cave just the way the miners did over 200 years ago. Regular admission rates in effect. **This tour is not recommended for young children.**

TUESDAY, THURSDAY: 1PM

SATURDAY: 2:30PM

DURATION: 90 minutes

White-Nose Syndrome & Cave Tours

All Caves are closed except for park-led tours of Cascade, Saltpeter & X-Caves until further notice. White-nose Syndrome (WNS) is a disease that is killing 70-100% of hibernating bats in infected caves. WNS does not have any effect on humans, livestock or pets only hibernating bats. WNS was found February 2013 in some of the parks caves. Therefore, Carter Caves State Resort Park, like many other commercial caves and parks have done, is requiring all cave tour visitors to go through a decontamination station upon exit of the cave tours. These measures could help slow down the spread of White-nose Syndrome into unaffected caves in other states.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Do not wear the shoes, clothing, or carry objects that you had with you while on a cave tour at Carter Caves into another cave system outside of Carter Caves area. This will possibly prevent any unintentional spread of the disease to unaffected areas.

PROHIBITED ON CAVE TOURS

Because of the possibility of White-nose Syndrome contamination, the following are ***prohibited on cave tours***:

- Camera bags, tripods, strollers, backpacks, luggage, etc.
- Pets
- BAGS of any type, including purses, fanny packs, diaper bags, camera cases, etc. Bags containing necessary medical supplies are permitted.
- Sandals/flip-flops, etc. Please wear appropriate shoes that cover the entire foot for safety.

REQUIRED PARTICIPANT DECONTAMINATION PROTOCOL

All cave touring participants at Carter Caves State Resort Park will be required to walk on bio-mats after exiting the cave tour. This process will require each individual to walk across the length of an outdoor carpet and across a bio mat containing water and possibly Lysol IC mixture. This process has been proven to help prevent the spread of spores. This process will assist bat ecologists and will be a precaution to what WE CAN DO for the betterment of bat species. Thank you for your assistance with these procedures. **NOTE: Please review these procedures before you purchase any cave tour tickets as refunds cannot be issued at the Welcome Center.**

DIRECTIONS TO CASCADE CAVE

Cascade Cave is 3.4 miles from here.
Turn left out of the Welcome Center parking lot;
turn right at the first stop sign onto Route 182;
travel 1.6 miles on Route 182,
turn right onto Route 209 at the top of the hill.
Cascade Cave parking lot is 0.6 miles on the left.

Tours are led by trained guides and are conducted at a leisurely pace.

Questions are encouraged from tour participants.

Comfortable walking shoes with tread soles are encouraged (some surfaces may be wet and slick).



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CAVE TOURS

May 25 – June 14, 2013
(EARLY SUMMER SCHEDULE)



TICKETS ARE SOLD AT THE WELCOME CENTER

PUBLIC NOTICE

All Caves are closed except for park-led tours of X-Cave, Cascade Cave & Saltpeter Cave until further notice!

White-nose Syndrome (WNS), a disease that is killing 70-100% of hibernating bats in infected caves, was found in February 2013 at Carter Caves SRP within some of the park's caves. In 2009, the Department of Parks closed all the caves within Carter Caves SRP except for guided tours of X-Cave & Cascade Cave. The park has been implementing decontamination procedures for all cave tour participants since the fall of 2011.

For additional information on the WNS you can visit the following website:
www.whitenosesyndrome.org

TOUR SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE



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